THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There are different types of houses for people of different status."

Grant of waste lands in Malabar.

* 315 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government conducted any survey of the waste lands of Malabar for the purpose of section 52 of the Malabar Tenancy Act ; and

(*b*) whether any waste lands have been given on lease for cultivation since 1951 either by the land-owner or by the Government in pursuance of section 52 of the Malabar Tenancy Act?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) A few applications received for the grant of waste lands are under enquiry."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I am not asking whether any applications were received by the Collector. I want to know whether between the year 1951 and the year 1954 the Collector exercised his powers under section 52 of the Malabar Tenancy Act and if so, with what result? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " Yes, Sir, the Government are exercising the right under section 52. According to rules framed under that section certain procedure has to be adopted. Three months' notice has to be given to the landholder. It involves a laborious procedure and so it takes some time."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether any more lands remain unsurveyed in Malabar and if so, will the Government take early steps to survey waste lands and distribute them to landless peasants? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " Sir, the bottleneck is not due to want of survey. It is due to the procedure to be adopted. That takes some time. Notice has to be given and the reply obtained. Then only the matter can be decided."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister was stating that under rule 6 of the Malabar Tenancy Rules certain procedure has to be observed in leasing private waste lands in favour of the peasants. Is it a fact that last year, that is 1953, also the Government informed those who represented in this regard that there are certain procedural matters to be observed and there is no time to observe those procedures before the commencement of the agricultural season and therefore their applications were rejected? Now petitions have been submitted to the

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Collector sufficiently in advance to enable the Collector to take action in time under section 52 (*b*) of the Act to lease the lands to them as the landholders were refusing to give the lands to the tillers of the soil on the ground that rent has been fixed by the Government, which of course is not in favour of *janmis*."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I think the hon. Member is making a speech. Let him put it in the form of a question."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" It is not a speech, Sir. I am explaining the question."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No explanation is necessary, Sir. He may put it in the form of a question."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The point is this, Sir. Are the Government aware that in spite of the fact that the tenants of Malabar applied to the Collector of Malabar in time and sufficiently early also to take action under section 52 (*b*) of the Malabar Tenancy Act, the Government did not take any action in the matter and if so, will the Government see to it that suitable action is taken immediately? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, it is wrong to say that the Government are not taking any action. Recently also the Government passed orders empowering all Revenue Officers even of the rank of Deputy Tahsildars to go into the question. We are trying to do our best, but the thing will naturally take some time."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I want to know how many notices were issued by the Collector during these three years and whether any inch of ground was granted on lease under that provision? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" To furnish the exact number, I should like to have notice, Sir."

Levy of property-tax on the private properties of the ex-Ruler of Pudukkottai.

* 316 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Municipal Commissioner, Pudukkottai, made any representations to the Government regarding levy of house-tax for the palaces and buildings belonging to the ex-Ruler of Pudukkottai ;

(*b*) if so, the nature of the proposals ; and

(*c*) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.